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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, DC 20231

February 5, 2001

Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTSIN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 1, insert - This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP99/04249 which has an International filing date of August 4, 1999, which designated the United States of America.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

- Claim 6:** Line 1, delete "2, 3 or 5,"
Claim 7: Line 1, delete "2, 3, 5 or 6,"
Claim 8: Line 1, delete "2, 3, 5 or 6,"
Claim 9: Line 1, delete "2, 3, 5, 6, 7 or 8,"

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